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Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102(a)

The Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-9 and 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kanno et al., US Patent No. 6,526,424, has been studied and the Applicant has canceled Claims The Applicant has amended Claim 7 from which Claims 8-9 depend and Claim 19 from which Claims 20-24 depend to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that as in Claims 7 and 19, Kanno et al. teaches hiding means for selecting a group or record to be hidden from display on the GUI and points to the collapsing groups in Figures 1 and 16A. Claim 7 reads "a group hiding means for selecting one or more of said groups to be hidden from display on said screen displayed by said graphical user interface." As indicated in the Specification in paragraph 37 and Figures 6-9, one or more of the groups displayed can be hidden or unhidden from view but the rest are still shown. This is much different than collapsing groups (or records) as taught in Kanno et al. in Figures 1 and 16A. Collapsing the entire folder doesn't allow any of the groups (or records) in the folder to be shown and is not selective as in the present invention.

The Applicant has amended Claim 7 to include "a group hiding and unhiding means for selecting at least one but not all of said groups to be hidden and unhidden from display on said screen displayed by said graphical user interface." The Applicant has amended Claim 19 to include "a record hiding and unhiding means for selecting at least one but not all of said records to be hidden and unhidden from display on said screen displayed by said graphical user interface." This clearly distinguishes Claims 7 and 19 from Kanno et al. The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited reference does not disclose or anticipate this element in the rejected Claims.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments and remarks above overcome the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-9 and 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated

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by Kanno et al., US Patent No. 6,526,424 and that Claims 7-9 and Claims 19-24 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The Examiner's rejection of Claims 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanno et al., US Patent No. 6,526,424 in view of Khan, US Patent No. 6,546,393, has been carefully studied and the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner because there is an absence of features of the presently claimed invention in the cited references and there is not even a suggestion in the cited references that would lead one skilled in the art to combine the Kanno et al. and Khan references.

The present invention and the Kanno et al. patent include a database means for storing URL links in a database on the enduser computer. Khan discloses a directory of bookmarks that resides not on an end-user computer but rather on an online bookmark management server (see column 11, line 40 - column 12, line 4). This teaches contrary to the purpose and teachings of the present invention and against the teaching of the Kanno et al. patent.

The present invention also includes the database having records and each of said records having at least three fields relating to a single URL link which is stored in a first field. The present invention further includes a second field used to store an editable URL title, and a third field is used to store user entered notes, and a means for searching on at least one term in a displayed one of the fields. Khan does not teach a searching means for searching a displayed field of a record in the database as the Examiner states is shown in Figure 21 and corresponding text of Khan. The Khan patent teaches searching through their bookmarks for "keywords" in Site Title 2108, Site Summary 2110, Site URL 2112, or All Three 2114. These elements are found at the URL's of each site not in a database located on an end user computer and having records in the three fields as

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found in the present Claims 10-18.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Kanno et al. and Khan before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the URL database with fields for URL, title, and user comments and interface for controlling this database as taught by Kanno et al. to include the searching means of Khan, in order to obtain a way to search within the fields of the URL database for desired entries because Khan teaches searching the sites of the URLs and not a database of URLs on an end user computer at claimed in the rejected Claims. One would not have been motivated to make such a combination because Khan teaches a very inefficient way to find desired bookmarks by searching URL's on the internet instead of an extensive database.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection of Claims 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanno et al., US Patent No. 6,526,424 in view of Khan, US Patent No. 6,546,393, has been overcome by the amendments and remarks above.

3. The Examiner's rejection of Claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanno et al., US Patent No. 6,526,424 in view of Mohler, US Patent No. 6,601,173, has been carefully studied and the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner because Claim 19 from which Claim 25 depends includes a record hiding and unhiding means for selecting at least one but not all of the records to be hidden and unhidden from display on the screen displayed by the graphical user interface. There is an absence of the record hiding and unhiding means feature of the presently claimed invention in Claim 25 from the cited references. Furthermore, there is not even a suggestion in the cited references that would lead one skilled in the art to combine the Kanno et al. and Mohler references as explained above.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the

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Examiner's rejection of Claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanno et al., US Patent No. 6,526,424 in view of Mohler, US Patent No. 6,601,173, has been overcome by the amendments and remarks above.

4. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the Examiner's rejections of Claims 1-25 have been overcome by the amendments and remarks above and requests that Claims 7-25 be passed on to issue.

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